

K. C. Monarchs Trim the St. Louis Giants

Six Thousand Witness Humiliation of Local Team, While Two
Thousand are Turned Away

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St. Louis, Mo., May 14.—The official debut of the St. Louis Giants as a league entry was staged here last Sunday when the K. C. Monarchs of Kansas City engaged the locals in the initial tilt that starts the baseball wheels to buzzing in the new circuit. The baseballists drew ideal atmospheric conditions for the contest, and this, the inaugural go, augmented by a parade extending several blocks in length and jazzed on by two or three highly spirited bands, had a tendency to drag out such a huge throng of enthusiasts that hillsides, housetops adjacent to the inclosure, trees and motor truck tops

upon the outside were ushered into service so eager were the bugs to lamp the doings.

The walls that inclose the baseball arena were choked and clogged to the point where the crowd had to be turned upon the field, making ground rules necessary. The throng completely encircled the playing field, so there remained no more than ten feet of space for the outfield to romp over, and the first and third base lines were fairly teeming with masses of excited humanity, still, despite this extra handicap, the players of both teams put up a creditable showing.

Drake, a young pitcher who flashes sparks of coming greatness, was on the slab for the Giants, while Sam Crawford, a veteran, was the heavier upon whom the Monarchs based their hopes of conquest. There was a sprinkling of youth, age and new faces in line-ups and the two teams appeared to be about evenly matched in hitting strength, fielding and general field experience. As it was, the show developed into a contest of skill between the two pitchers and honors were even up to the sixth frame, four bingles being gleaned off each delivery. However, in

the second inning, with a man down for the count, Center Fielder Blackwell of the home team stung one ticketed for the circuit. Donaldson, playing the center garden for the Monarchs, tore out for the fast fleeting sphere and with apparently no chance on earth for a catch, he stuck out one hand, thereby instituting a severe localized pain when the pellet clung to his glove for a put-out. There were no thrill producing stunts on either side until the sixth, when with one out, Washington, the movie star from the coast, now playing first base for the Monarchs, slammed one out in right field for two sacks; Donaldson followed with a two station blow to left field, the movie star scoring; Carr, and another coast celebrity, beat out a hit between first and second, but Drake retired the side without further scoring. Crawford held the St. Louisians in leash while his mates pushed another run across the plate in the seventh on a base on balls, a steal and a slam for two bags; that ended the scoring for the far west crowd. In the eighth Hill opened up for the home team with a drag good for two bags, Captain

Mendez derricked Crawford and "Rube" Currie adorned the slab; he killed two, but with Hill still marooned on second, Blackwell came to the rescue with a bingle to right and the home guard scored their lone tally of the game. The visitors rested upon their laurels in the ninth, but the Giants made a strong bid for the honors in their half. With two men dead Cobb was called to bat in place of Holtz; he slashed one to left field and took second. The stands rocked with merriment as Finner came to bat for Drake. Currie beamed the pinch hitter and the crowd broke loose and swarmed upon the field. After order was restored Currie relieved the throng of much of their steam when he

fanned Hill, ending the game, 2-1, for the Monarchs.

The Kansas City team will tackle Taylor's A. B. C.'s at Indianapolis next Sunday, May 16, with a series of five; then they go on to Chicago where they hook up with big "Rube's" gang Sunday, May 23. The score:

ST. LOUIS GIANTS					K. C. MONARCHS				
R. H. P. A.					R. H. P. A.				
Hill, rf.....	1	2	0		Portanda, 3b..	1	2	1	3
McAdoo, lb..	0	0	12		Lenora, ss..	0	0	1	2
Scott, lf....	0	0	1		cNear, lf..	0	1	2	0
Blackwell, cf	0	2	2		Washington, lb.	1	1	13	0
Kennard, c..	0	1	8		Donaldson, cf.	0	2	1	0
Brooks, 2b...	0	0	1		Jarr, rf.....	0	2	1	0
Danage, 3b..	0	2	1		Hathol, 2b..	0	0	2	0
Holtz, ss....	0	0	2		Rodriguez, c..	0	0	8	0
Drake, p....	0	0	0		Crawford, p..	0	0	0	3
x Cobb	0	1	0		Currie, p....	0	0	0	3
xx Finder ...	0	0	0						
Totals....					1	8	27	11	
x—Batted for Holtz in the ninth.					Totals....				
xx Batted for Drake in the ninth.					2				
St. Louis Giants..	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0—1
K. C. Monarchs....	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0—2
Errors—St. Louis Giants, 1; K. C. Monarchs, 0.									
Two-base hits—Kennard, Hill, Cobb; McNear, Washington, Donaldson. Hits—Off Crawford, 6 in 7 innings; off Currie, 2 in 2 innings.									
Base on balls—Off Drake, 3. Struck out—By Crawford, 5; by Currie, 1; by Drake, 6. Hit batsman—Currie. Left on bases—St. Louis, 9; Monarchs, 9.									

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